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Dear Good Spirit School Division Families,

I am writing to you today to share important information regarding an upcoming job action by the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation (STF) that will impact our school division. The STF has notified us that there will be a provincewide withdrawal of noon-hour supervision by all its members on Thursday, February 8, 2024. This job action is part of the collective bargaining process.

What This Means for GSSD Schools on February 8, 2024:

- Withdrawal of Noon-Hour Supervision: All STF members will not provide noon-hour supervision on this date. They will leave their place of work during their assigned noon hour and will not extend their workday.
- Request for Family Support: We encourage families who can arrange for their children to be at home during the noon hour on Thursday, February 8, to do so. This will significantly ease the pressure on our schools during this time.
- Contingency Plans for Supervision: GSSD schools have developed contingency plans to ensure that students who remain on school premises during the noon hour are supervised and safe. These plans will be in effect on February 8.
- Notification to Schools: If you plan to have your child at home over the noon hour, please inform
 your school beforehand. This will help us in organizing and implementing our contingency plans
 effectively.

Understanding GSSD's Position:

- GSSD's Role: It is important to clarify that Good Spirit School Division is not part of the provincial bargaining process.
- Support for Collective Bargaining: We respect and support the rights of teachers to the collective bargaining process. This is an essential aspect of our educational system, ensuring that the needs and rights of educators are represented.

We understand that this job action may cause inconvenience to some of our families, and we appreciate your understanding and cooperation. The decision to undertake such actions is always complex, and we recognize the importance of these processes in maintaining a fair and effective educational system.

The safety and well-being of our students are always our top priority, and we are committed to ensuring minimal disruption to their learning experience. We appreciate your support and collaboration in these efforts. Should you have any questions or need further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact your child's school. Thank you for your understanding and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Quintin M. Robertson
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